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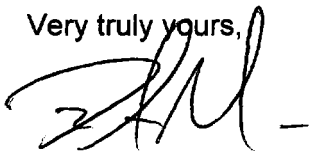
Re: Morris vs. Curtis
Case No. 04 CV 50232
Written Status Report

Dear Honorable Judge Reinhard:

Pursuant to docket entry of June 10, 2004, the following will serve as a written status report in the above-referenced proceeding.

The instant appeal was docketed on May 18, 2004. Plaintiffs/Appellants received notice of the docketing on May 20, 2004. Plaintiffs/Appellants' appeal brief was due on June 2, 2004. Unfortunately, Plaintiffs/Appellants' son was killed in combat in Iraq in April 2004, creating an unavoidable delay in Plaintiffs/Appellants' ability to consult with counsel regarding the appeal. This Court entered an Order on June 18, 2004 directing Plaintiffs/Appellants to show cause by July 9, 2004 why this appeal should not be dismissed. Plaintiffs/Appellants intend to file a brief and motion requesting the Court allow it to file its brief instantan on or before July 9, 2004.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Attorney Kevin O'Donnell

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